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In Re the Application of:

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR REDUCING EFFECTIVE TRACK WIDTH THROUGH HIGHLY SKEWED HEAD

ANGLES"

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Examiner: Negron, Daniell L.

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 17, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004 (Paper No. 7).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please note that the Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Please also note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. In addition, please also note that the **Remarks** begin on page 18

of this paper.

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